Yankee Air MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! AUGUST 2011

RESTORATION REVIEW Russ Banush

GENERAL NEWS

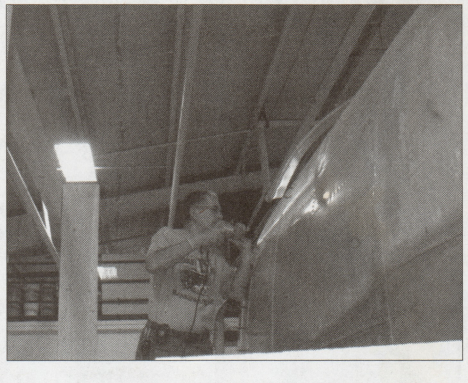
We were saddened at the sudden death of Joe Leugers on 14 June. He was a stalwart longtime member and volunteer who was a master at restoring static aircraft and the repair needs of flying aircraft. The legacy of his work will live on through many of our displays and the "flyables". We can look at things he has done and say to ourselves that's Joe's work. Perfection was his standard. We miss you, Joe.

PB4Y-2 PRIVATEER

The port side (i.e., left side) elevator was installed on the aircraft during a dry Saturday in June. This elevator has been painted with official Navy Dark Sea Blue coloring. This will eventually be the color of the whole airplane when finished. Meanwhile, the Starboard (right side) elevator was removed and brought to the big bay area where the SPAD crew's Bill Rodgers and Chris Curran helped Ken Nelson and Doug Imlach replace the fabric. This time, however, Doug and Ken did most of the work as they had been well trained by Mr. Rodgers. A lot of work had to be done in restoring the attachment hardware for both elevators, and that including fabricating flanges that were missing!
Right; Ken Nelson painting starboard elevator after making the repairs

B-24 PROJECT

More and more sheet metal work is being done in the restoration and rebuilding process. The Willow Run built mid-section required extensive sheet metal replacement. This piece will be the subject on which the team will focus. We will be adding legs to which casters will be attached so the section may be moved around the museum as deemed necessary. In is intended to reflect both a combat aircraft and one in the process of construction at the Ford Willow Run factory. The aft section will have added to it the waist gun stations in which mannequins dressed in sheep lined leather flying gear will be used at each fifty caliber gun as an action display. At the fore end a "Rosie the Riveter" mannequin will be deployed to show her at her job of riveting! We are very excited about the prospects for this display piece as it should attract a lot of attention! Right; Ralph Koehler at work on the B-24!



SPAD PROJECT

The upper wings are being completed and more fabric has been added to the fuselage. Paint will be applied and insignia reflecting the "Hat in the Ring" should be applied by the time you read this. Great work by the dedicated volunteers associated with the project in "Mr. Rodgers' Neighborhood."

DC-6B

In spite of the weather issues with which the restoration team has had to deal, important strides have been made in repairing the corrosion on the fuselage. Bob DuBert has accomplished a great deal in just two Saturdays! His workmanship is superb! By the time this edition arrives, he will have a lot more done, weather permitting, of course.
The static aircraft in the air park are exposed to the elements 24/7, and they require constant work to keep them presentable. So, the crews have to work under tough conditions with the weather. Add to this the fact that there are no utilities (i.e., water and electric), so these must be furnished. Water is brought to the work is pails and electricity comes from gasoline powered generators. A lot of challenges face these volunteers, trust me! No one complains, ever!

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 Aug 1945	Largest one-day mission of the war: 784 B-29s of XXI Bomber Command bomb Japanese home islands
2 Aug 1990	Iraq invades Kuwait
5 Aug 1954	First operational flight of a B-52
6 Aug 1945	B-29 *Enola Gay* bombs Hiroshima
8 Aug 1990	First USAF F-15s arrive in Saudi Arabia to initiate *Desert Shield*
9 Aug 1945	B-29 *Bockscar* bombs Nagasaki
10 Aug 1944	Indonesia: Longest single-stage combat flight by B-29s (31 from 20th AF) of WWII. Take off from Ceylon on a 4,000-mile round trip to bomb Palembang, Sumatra
12 Aug 1945	394th B Sqdn. B-24s, with YAM member **Stan Wiec**, flew its last combat mission of WWII
15 Aug 1943	*Operation Cottage*: U.S. forces land on Kiska, Aleutian Islands, Alaska
15 Aug 1945	Final aerial battle in the Pacific: Six Hellcats of *Yorktown* are attacked over Tokyo's Tokurozuna Airfield by 15-20 Japanese planes. Nine enemy shot down vs. 4 U.S. Navy. Later in the day, enemy planes approach the ships of *TF-38* and are shot down. 143 B-29s of the 315th Bomb Wing are last to bomb. The plane *Uninvited* drops the last bombs of the war on the oil refinery at Akita, Honshu
15 Aug 1945	V J Day: War with Japan ends
15 Aug 1957	General Nathan Twining named first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
17 Aug 1942	First American heavy bomber mission over N. Europe
19 Aug 1940	First flight of a B-25
20 Aug 1942	12th Air Force activated for Invasion of North Africa

July 50/50 was won by **Roger Peterson** who donated it to the DC-6 restoration. **Carol Guenther** won a book about P-38's. **Jeff Thomas** won a $25 gift certificate to the Museum store and **Al Hudson** and **Randy Hotton** also won books.

To contact Hangar Happening's
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SEPTEMBER 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 12TH
BUT BEST TO HAVE ITEMS IN AUGUST 1ST OR BEFORE !

Executive Director Report - Randy Hotton

As the summer flies by, this month's Executive Director's Report follows the fantastic, extraordinary annual Yankee Air Museum Airshow. That was, of course, the Blue Angles and Thunder Over Michigan™ , as usual they again put on a great show. This further cements a solid relationship with the "Blues" and we hope to see them again in 2013. The B-17, the B-25 and C-47 are successfully flying out of our hangar at Detroit Metro Airport, keeping the flying tradition we are so well known for. We are still working with the Michigan Aerospace Foundation on our number one goal; a hangar here at Willow Run Airport.

We continue to move toward fulfillment of our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
   - The Willow Run Story banner exhibit has been enhanced with the additional period artifacts from the Vina Greer collection. These are now on display in cases located in the former steel cage area.
   - The Link Trainer exhibit has been refined. The collection and exhibit team has plans to further animate the display.
2. Hire a Development Director NLT April 30th, this goal has been achieved and she has hit the ground running.
   - Meetings were held in June to define our future goals. On May 29th we defined our vision statement.
   - Velda prepared a "Survey Monkey" to collect information from our staff, members and volunteers on their thoughts about the future of the Yankee air Museum. These collective thoughts were presented at our strategy meeting held on June 29th at the Education Center
   - Velda is going to collect this input and prepare our new mission statement to present to the Strategy meeting to be held on Wednesday August 3rd. It will then be presented to the Broad of Director's at the next board meeting.
   - We are filing out our database in our "Donor Perfect" software to allow collection of donor history as part of our fundraising program.
3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce
   - Mike Hudson has been busy collecting fresh material to flush out our Web site with current information.
   - He is looking for input from all departments on what is going on in that area.
4. We looked at a general museum information brochure prepared by Herb Gillen, which will be used at the visitor centers found on the expressways as you enter the State of Michigan.

The staff set the following as sub goals for the Museum without completion dates.

- Membership: We had a great recruiting spring and membership stabilized in June.
- Work has started on moving the brick pavers from the Air Park location over to the new Head Quarter's location, and the flagpoles have already been erected on the east end of the parking lot.

The Museum is now open seven days a week (when the electricity works) and we have seen a steady increase in our visitors.

The flyable aircraft had a busy June and July with visits to Reading, PA, lots of FLEX rides, Gaylord, MI, Owosso, MI, Howell, MI Adrian, MI and Kalamazoo, MI

We have become a Smithsonian Institute Affiliate Museum. This is an enormous endorsement of our direction and gives us access to the national network of museum support. There will a number of additional benefits for Yankee air Museum Members and we will let everyone know of these as we get additional information.

General Membership Meetings:
Those who do not attend our General Membership Meeting are missing an entertaining evening. In July we had a good turnout to hear of Dave Steiner's trip to the P-38 gathering in California last summer.
Please come join us for the programs scheduled.

Aug: B-24 Bomber Camp - Paul and Joe "Top Gun" Osentoski will have a PowerPoint and talk about their experiences
Sep: Sandra O'Connell Author, An American Family in World War II, will present a B-17 pilot's letters home
Oct: "Bent Prop" update on search for wrecks in the South Pacific - Flip Colmer
Nov: Bob Coolbaugh and the story of the Navy's first airplane the Curtis Pusher flown in 1911
Dec: John Wukovits on General "Ike" Eisenhower.
Jan: Ray Hunter will give an encore presentation on USAF Helicopter operations in Vietnam

Teacher & YAM Member David Wayne Given B-17 Model

David Wayne is a 5th grade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville, MI. He brings his kids to YAM as often as possible, and the Restoration Group really enjoys showing them around. He's also tasked with a speciall project for the kids with the Blue Angels. The parents of the kid were so appreciative of David's teaching that they decided to present him with a model of the Yankee Lady for his efforts. So Ken Hauser of the Restoration Group (life member SPAD project) put one together for him so the parents of the students could present it. Dan Kelterborn (right at right) is a parent of one of the school children. He was responsible for giving the gift to the teacher. The Yankee Lady was assembled and completed by Ken Hauser (left) for the children of the school. Ken is a life member and works in the Restoration Group on the SPAD XIII project.

Henni Moses – docent

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There are a few seats available for the most awesome C-47 trip of the year; The Wood, Fabric & Tail-dragger fly-in to 64I.

See page 13 for details and check out the web site ww.leebottom.com. 2010 was to be the last year for this event but Ginger and Rich Davidson got more help so it will continue to celebrate the Golden Age of Aviation. We are going!

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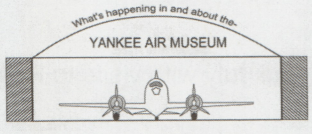

NEW PRR on Web Page

The finance committee has developed a new purchase/reimbursement requisition form. It is posted on the Yankee HQ internal web page where you can download it. Department heads are familiar with PRR procedures and rules, and those have not changed.

ATTENTION GOLFERS

Yankee Air MUSEUM

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
GOLF WAR 2011
18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Help raise money for the **Yankee Air Museum**

September 27th 11 am shotgun start

Selfridge ANGB, Mt Clemens, MI

Last year we had A-10s, Chinooks and C-130's doing fly-overs!

Team up with the ANG & YAM for a Great Day

Support and/or join a lot of just *plane* crazy golfers

Entry Fee per player *◇ - $75 by Sept 9th , $85 at door including dinner

Make checks payable to Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Player names must be submitted by Sept 20th to be on base security list

No problem assigning you to a team if you don't have one

Proof of insurance, Driver's license and Current Vehicle Registration required to drive on base

Coffee & donuts at the start, dog, chips and pop at the turn

Sponsorship opportunities

Event/hole sponsorships $100

Special **GOLF WAR** trophy with winners' names *immortalized* on affixed Dog Tag

Grand Prize drawing - a ride in the *Yankee Lady* B-17

◇ Only entry fees received/postmarked by Sept 9th will be entered into the bomber ride drawing

Information: (734) 645-1150 or (734) 483-4030 ext 247, leave a message for Dave Steiner or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

* all but $36 is tax deductible - Yankee Air Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

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Tickets go on sale August 11th. For more information go to www.grosseileairport.com or call the township offices (734) 676-4422

Team Drano Will Defend Golf War Title

The 2011 Yankee Air Museum GOLF WAR will be held in September 27th at Selfridge ANGB. Sponsors and players are needed. You need not be a low handicapper or even have a golf handicap to play in this event. It is a best ball scramble, so just come out to have fun and play a course the public isn't normally allowed on. Good meal too!

Grand prize drawing for the event is a ride in the B-17. How many golf outings give you that opportunity! For more information about this event contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call (800) 874-8660.

In Memory Of...

Alvin Killeen
July 5, 2011
B-17 ball turret
gunner
A nicer gentleman you could never know

Speaking of Selfridge, Yankee Executive Director **Randy Hotton** will be in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter, the type he flew as a Naval Aviator, at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and staff the plane for tours. VP 93 home page is http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/ or link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Security requires driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.

Modest admission is charged for the museum/airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates.

- August 7
- September 4
- October 16 & 30

Saginaw Valley Air Museum
The former Saginaw division of YAM is now its own non-profit and doing very well at Saginaw's Harry Browne Airport (KHYX). Check out their web site http://khyx.org/yankee_airforce_saginaw.html

Yankee Dog Tag Report YTD

The Dog Tag revenues as of June 30 were $3164, and that's basically for just the month of June. With 90%+ of patrons opting for the silencer "boots" too at $1 each, maybe this year the $12k target will be achieved!

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips, get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org .
Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school. Then put in an app for a show crew.

RENEW

NOW

FOR 2011/2012
PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE !

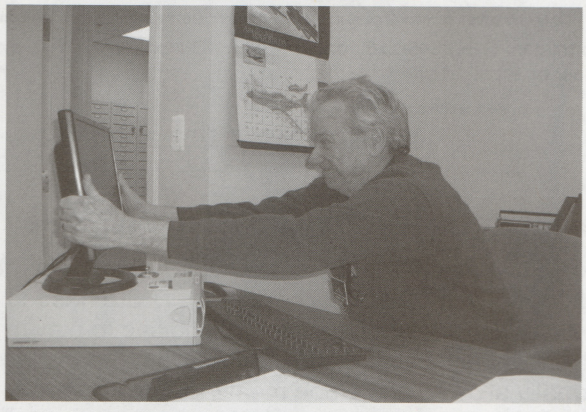
Kroger Community Rewards: YOU MUST REUP FOR 2011/12 STARTING APRIL 2011

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2011 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. **This may be done anytime after April 1, 2011 but now must be done online.**

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

The Membership Department needs help!



Well other than the obvious……..

The Membership Department needs an able volunteer to maintain our Membership records, enter new and renewal Membership information and assist with mailings. You must be a current Member, comfortable working with computers and confidential information and periodically be able to help Jim control his computer frustrations.
For more information, please contact jim.race@yankeeairmuseum.org or jerace@talkamerica.net.

Have you dogged all your friends about signing up ?

Eddie the Terrier may not be the best prospect for Membership but you have to admire the initiative. The excitement and benefits of Membership run all year. Sign up your best friend and become a Yankee Star!

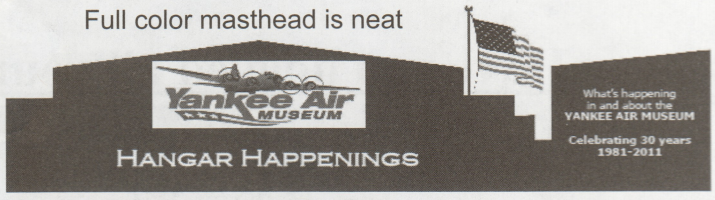
Volunteer Orientations

Interested in volunteering? The next volunteer orientation sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 and Saturday, August 13.

Orientation sessions are subject to cancellation. If you are interested in attending be sure to email us at volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org. for details and confirmation.

Hangar Happenings in Color? HH is NOW online in COLOR on the Yankee web site

Full color masthead is neat



Hangar Happenings is now online in color (colour for Canadians, eh?) for your viewing pleasure. Just go to the Yankee home page, click on Media, then on Hangar Happenings. HH will be posted early in the month so you won't have to keep checking your mailbox to get the latest Yankee information, or wonder when the Postal Service will get it to you. In fact, all the 2011 issues are posted if you want to see what they would have looked like in color. So have a look. Very sharp!

The files can be 4-7 MB depending on how many photos are in the issue, so you need a moderately fast connection or you might need to give it a few minutes to download. Also make sure you have the latest Adobe version. Thanks to **Mike Hudson** for making this possible. We hope to greatly expand the Yankee Photo Gallery (on the same "Media" page) in the future to make it a site where you can spend hours looking at all things Yankee!

BUT NOT TO WORRY! HH will continue to come in the mail as always (eventually) if you do nothing. If you don't get your HH in the mail, contact the membership department at membership@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 x 225 as they maintain the membership list. DO NOT contact Hangar Happenings. Membership can check to see if your name is on the mailing list. Sorry to say there are about a dozen people each month who don't receive their HH in the mail. We've never been able to ascertain why. But now with HH being posted online IN COLOR, you can get it there, every month no matter where you live.

If you would prefer NOT to receive HH in the mail, thereby saving the Museum printing and mailing costs, send an email to membership@yankeeairmuseum.org with HH online in the subject line, and your name and address in the email so they may remove you from the HH mailing data base. Then enjoy HH in color anywhere in the world.

But wait, there's more!

For HH online, all the links and emails are hot linked! Just click on any of the web sites or emails mentioned and you will be directed there. Here's a great P-38 video. Enjoy. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdzF_i7mPgs

YANKEE MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS TAKE THIRD AT 24 HOURS OF LEMANS RACE

Sent: Sun, June 12, 2011 9:19:32 AM
Subject: 24 Hours of LeMans
Good morning:
Earlier today, Yankee Air Museum members, David and Andrea Robertson, took their Ford GT to a third place finish in the GTE AM class. This was their debut at LeMans in a car they built and they landed on the podium.

Editor's note: David & Andrea have been great supporters of YAM, The Education Center is named after them. Well done !

2011 Events
Lee Bottom Flying Field
SINFUL SUNDAYS
June 12, July 10, Aug 14
Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheels Fly-In
September 24
Stay informed by signing up to receive NORDO News (our online newsletter)
FREE subscription available from our website
www.LeeBottom.com

Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/

LOTS OF GOOD STUFF
INCLUDING AIR SHOW CREW REQUEST FORM
CHECK IT OUT AND BOOKMARK OR SAVE AS A FAVORITE

See Cockpit photos from the Bomber Buffing on the Yankee Media page

2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

With acquisition of hangar space at DTW, flights will originate there or YIP

DATE	DESTINATION

NAME	YAM MEMBER #/exp date	PHONE
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CONTACT STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP

HOW MANY SEATS ?	x COST PER SEAT	= TOTAL ENCLOSED	PERSONAL CHECK #	AMERICAN EXPRESS □ DISCOVER □ MASTERCARD □ VISA □	NAME ON CARD

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Seats must be purchased a minimum of two weeks prior to flight. Unless otherwise indicated, listed amounts are for flights only and do not include ground transportation or other incidental expenses. Dates and prices are subject to change. Destination additions or subtractions are possible as circumstances dictate. Cancellations, other than by Yankee Air Museum, from one to four weeks prior to flight will incur a $50.00 processing fee. Cancellations less than one week prior to flight will not receive a refund.
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One form per trip, per person please!
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C-47 DAY TRIP
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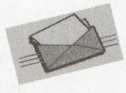

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope

PLEASE SAVE THIS COPY OF HH OR CLIP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. THE C-47 SCHEDULE MAY NOT APPEAR IN EVERY ISSUE. CHECK YAM WEBSITE+ FOR LATEST INFO

Tuesday	August 9	Mackinac Island	$280.00
Wednesday	August 10	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Friday	August 12	National Museum of the USAF (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$225.00
Tuesday	August 23	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, OH USS Cod submarine, Great Lakes freighter tour, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, IWASM (In'tl Women's Aviation and Space Museum)	$130.00
Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)#	$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Tail-dragger Fly-in)	$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002
** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Museum
*** Includes $35 Airshow Admission Fee
# Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar
! Indicates this trip has sold at least 10 seats and is confirmed as going

+ www.yankeeairmuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination

ONLY TWO MONTHS OF FLYING LEFT SIGN UP NOW !

Oral History Department Needs WWII Era Folks To Be Interviewed

The Oral History Department is looking for people who would like to be interviewed for a joint venture between Eastern Michigan University and Yankee Air Museum on August 9, 2011. We need WWII veterans, "Rosie the Riveters", and Bomber Plant employees. Anyone who was on the homefront during WWII would be considered as well. The interviews will be conducted by local teachers and will be submitted to the Library of Congress. They will also be held at the Yankee Air Museum and at EMU. Candidates must be able to travel to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti for the interview. Wheelchair assistance will be available if anyone needs it. Free parking and a reception for the interviewees and their guests will also be provided. Please contact Debbie Nickell at Debbie.nickell@yankeeairmuseum.org or at 734-718-5148 for more information or to sign up!

Yankee Air Museum

IS BACK ONLINE!

That's right, visit YankeeAirMuseum.org to be connected to the latest and greatest online store! New items will be added regularly and sections will be added over the summer to make YankeeAirMuseum.org Southeast Michigan's Premier Site for Aviation related merchandise!

Use the coupon code "MEMBER" to get your 10% membership discount applied to your order. More planes, more collectibles, more pins, patches and challenge coins will be added in the very near future. Books, DVD's, Yankee Apparel will all be added as it becomes available. Want it, but don't see it? Let us know and we can get it for you! The Retail Team has lots of plans for this site, so come back often!

Seen at Thunder

These guys asked if they could bring their Helo to Thunder. The immediate response was YES!

Hello Sir my name is LT Dan Thomas and I am a Naval Aviator with HSC-2, based out of Norfolk, VA. HSC-2 is the MH-60 Sierra helicopter training squadron for the east coast.

2011 is the Centennial of Naval Aviation and in honor of this tremendous accomplishment we have painted one of our aircraft up in a Korean War theme to honor our squadron heritage. The "Blue Deuce" is the aircraft we would like to fly up and display at the airshow (picture included).

If you are interested in having us up, please contact me so we can work out logistics and berthing for our crew. HSC-2 was able to supply an aircraft two years ago for this event and everybody had a great time. I look forward to hearing from you, thanks.

V/R,

LT Dan Thomas
HSC-2 Standardization Officer

One nice looking Helo

Make sure you view it in color in HH on the web!

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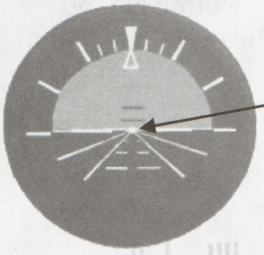

AIR PARK

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck and Ecorse Roads

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AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd — **SPECIAL** General Membership meeting program - **World War II B-24 Bomber Crew Camp "As seen in July 2011 Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine".** Paul and Joe "Top Gun" Osentoski. These guys will talk and have a pictures about both times they've attended Bomber Camp, the most recent in June 2011. Don't miss this awesome presentation.

Thu - Sun 11-14th — **Michigan RC Jets at Grosse Ile Airport** - if you have never seen these awesome radio controlled jets, or even if you have, it is worth the drive to KONZ to see them in action. You will be impressed. No conflict with Thunder this year

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th — Grosse Ile GALA, held in Hangar 1 at Grosse Ile airport, a former Naval Air Station. Not a Yankee event but a great event put on by the folks on Grosse Ile. See more on page 5. Contact Grosse Ile Towship Hall for more information and tickets, or hot link online www.grosseileairport.com

Tuesday 27th — YANKEE AIR MUSEUM GOLF WAR - Selfridge ANGB, golf scramble fund raise for Yankee Air Museum. B-17 ride drawing. Details page 5.

OCTOBER

Saturday 8th — Yankee Air Museum Annual Gala. Save the date.

Have A Yankee Story from Our First 30 Years?

If you have an interesting and/or humorous story you'd like to share at the Yankee Air Museum 30th Birthday **GALA**, take a few minutes to write it down and submit it for consideration for presentation at the party this fall, or perhaps printing in HH.
Send to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

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July Meeting Program

The August 3rd general membership meeting is 7:30pm at the **NEW Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Building** east side of Willow Run Airport.

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WW2 B-24 Bomber Camp
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TAILDRAGGER

Taildragger, am I a klutz?,
I have the license, ratings and such
But to make you go straight is driving me nuts.
With hours of practice and the controls in my clutch
It takes a little rudder, easy, that's too much.

I learned to fly in a nose-dragger gear
With one up front and two in the rear.
She was sleek and clean and easy to steer
But this miserable thing with tires and struts
Takes a little rudder, easy, that's too much.

It demands your attention on the take-off roll
Or it'll be in the weeds as you pour on the coal.
Gotta hang loose, don't over control.

This wicked little plane is just too much
With a lot of swerving and words obscene
I think I've mastered this slippery machine.

It's not that bad if you have the touch
Just a little rudder, whoa, that's too much.

I relax for a second and from the corner of my eye,
I suddenly realize with a gasp and a sigh
That's my own tail that's going by.

You ground looping wreck; I hate your guts,
Add a little rudder, OH-OH, THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH.

Ray Hunter submitted the anonymous poem at left and he knows a little about flying tail-draggers. How many pilots can show the three tail-draggers below in their log book **in one day**, as Ray can?

Ray was SIC on the Offutt trip, August, 2009, where USAF Four Star Kevin Chilton got his first B-17 ride.

These USAF Special Ops guys were drooling over our C-47 at Basler Aviation, May, 2005. Ray was on that trip too.

Third in Ray's tail-dragger trifecta day, was his own classic 1947 C-140. Sweet little airplane that teaches you what a rudder is for, or else!